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monly about 2x4 feet; they are made with a wooden frame and wire bottom; the best size of mesh in the wire is from 3/8 to 1/2 an inch. Compartments each the width of a tray and high enough to accommodate from twelve to twenty trays and stacked one above the other, each tray resting on strips on which it slides. Trays are put in from both sides of the dryer and as a means of conserving the heat a number of little doors are hung on each apartment, each opening in front of two trays, thus allowing these two to be handled without exposing the others to the cold air. Some dryers are arranged so that the space between the trays is about two inches, others allow more room than this; there seems to be no unanimity of opinion as to the correct space between the trays.

While on a visit to Dr. J. R. Caldwell, Portland, Oregon, this fall, I had the privilege of inspecting the first dryer built in Oregon. It is very much on the same lines just described. The old dryer is still doing duty and at the time of my visit was full of silver prunes. One peculiarity of the old dryer is that it has no ventilating chute such as are found on the improved dryers. Dr. Caldwell dispenses with the sulphuring chamber and burns sulphur in the box dryer which answers all purposes, but is somewhat disagreeable to the operator.

There are numerous modifications of the old box dryer; some of these have been built with the trays slanting at an angle of about forty-five degrees, and with tin reflectors to throw the current of hot air under each tray. These have not always been satisfactory, and the next year will see some more modifications to suit the whims of the owner. It would seem that the old box dryer has seen its best day, and that it will soon have to give place to more modern dryers.—Extract from Bulletin 38, by J. A. Balmer, of the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station.

Asparagus plants can be easily grown from the seed in one or two years time. If you are in no hurry this is the best plan, but of course if you wish to get a bed started in a short time, it is better to buy the plants of some seedsman or nurseryman, as you can thus save a year or two in time. Plant the seed very early in the spring, the earlier the better, in rows a foot apart. As the seed is slow to sprout it is a good plan to mix in a few radish seed, as they will come up early and make the row and you can tend and keep the weeds down while you are waiting for the asparagus to come up.

The little asparagus plants are very small at first and you should look carefully in weeding or you will pull them up. As soon as the asparagus shows, take out the radishes or they will crowd it out.

Keep well tended and free from weeds, in fact tend just like you would a bed of onions from seed. The plants grow all summer and can be dug in the fall and stored in the cellar or left in the ground till spring.

* Early in the spring take up the plants and set them where they are wanted, first putting the bed in the best of condition. Spade it up very deep and work it up fine. It is a good plan to work in a lot of well-rotted manure to make the soil loose and rich. A tolerably moist place is good, but that is not important. Better choose the place that will be most convenient and fix the ground to suit. You can't make it too rich.

Mark out the rows from two to four feet apart and set the plants two or three to the foot in row. Set about four inches deep just about like you would raspberry plants. Cover all over with dirt. The plants are easy to live and if they are covered with dirt they are almost sure to come well.

Keep well tended the first season like you would potatoes. Hoe or cultivate just as suits you best. In the fall cover all over with manure deep enough so that weeds cannot come up through it. If any weeds show through in the spring put on more